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1. "The Estonian islands, Saare-Maa and Hiiu-Maa, are under the control of the Soviet military authorities and completely isolated from the mainland. Strict security measures are in force.
2. "The local population, employed mainly in the state owned fishing enterprises, are greatly restricted in their movements. No permits are issued for the northern rayons of Hiiu-Maa, such as Kopu, Manspaa, the port of Karala and Reigi. Soviet naval and air force garrisons are known to be located at all those points.
3. "At the beginning of February 1953 the Soviet military authorities dismissed administrative officials at the Department of the Fishing Industry in the rayons of Keina and Kassaar on the island of Hiiu-Maa, without previously notifying the Oblispolkom at Parnu, to which the island administratively belongs.
4. "Almost the whole of Hiiu-Maa Island is covered by a network of Soviet military airfields for fighter planes. Day and night one can see jet planes flying in groups of 5 to 15 on the route Hiiu-Maa - Leningrad.
5. [REDACTED] order, issued by (fmu) Ninepuu, chief of the Party control of the Pernu oblast, has been in force. It restricts the use of the rayon radio transmitting stations on Hiiu-Maa Island. The stations can operate only during hours arranged in advance with the Soviet military authorities."

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